

a solution, as a thorough scaling the teeth with instruments would take more than an hour in some instances), then follow extractions, cement, guttapercha, silver nitrate, etc.

"The local dentists, without exception, are very courteous and cooperative.

"Whether you hear from me outside the reports or not, you can always know I am on the job down here, with the interest of this work at heart, and exercising my best talent and judgment to make it a success.

"Though hot here, it does not stop me in the least from work. I just come out of coat, collar, and tie, and go at it real old country style. Results is what we want, and I can get better results without coat, etc., this weather than with them."

Finally, at the close of the two months work, he has the following interesting comments:

"We are a little proud of the work done, the good accomplished, and the appreciation of our efforts by the laity, as well as the hearty cooperation by the local dentist in all localities.

"I realize that the operative work actually done, with its monetary value, is the thing that will count most with some people in establishing this work. But to me the thing that counts most is the fact that hundreds of little minds have been impressed with the value of Oral Hygiene, hundreds of tooth brushes have been bought, and hundreds of children will visit their local dentists that would not had I not come and impressed them, as I trust I have.

"On every possible occasion I have given lectures on the care of the teeth, oral hygiene, etc. Especially have they been effective at the graded schools that have opened in this county. In instructing the teachers how to give tooth brush drills to their pupils, and generally obtain a promise from the principal of the school that they will not let the matter drop until 'every child in school has a good tooth brush and is instructed and encouraged to use it.'

"The work has been a success here. We are proud of the operative work actually done, of the attendance on the part of the children, and the interest shown by parents.

"The lectures given have been very beneficial, I think.

"Literature on 'The Care of the Teeth,' furnished by the State Board of Health, was freely distributed in the homes."

In Robeson the plan of the dentist remaining at each place two or more days, until the work was finished, proved to be very economical and satisfactory from many standpoints. The children were called by mail or telephone from the health officer's office, the selections being made from the physical examination cards which had been completed by the teachers of the county the previous winter, in carrying out the provisions of the medical inspection law. This work has been done in a most satisfactory manner by the teachers. The health officer, therefore, was able to call the children who most needed treatment. They were asked to report at different hours, so that very little confusion arose.

### Treatment

Total number of children treated,	1,421
Amount and class of treatment:	
Amalgam fillings .....	317
Cement fillings .....	198
Guttapercha fillings .....	175
Silver nitrate fillings .....	113
Abscesses treated .....	10
Teeth extracted .....	274
Number children for whom teeth were cleaned .....	716
Pyorrhea treated .....	53
Miscellaneous treatments ...	89
Number children who needed nothing done .....	40
Number children unmanageable.	9

### FORSYTH COUNTY

At the close of the first day's work in Forsyth County the dentist wrote as follows:

"Today marked a very successful beginning of our dental work. About thirty-five children attended the clinic wanting treatment, but of course we could only treat about fifteen of this